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Preliminary Amendment

Remarks

Claims 1, 7, 12, 13, 26, 28 and 32 have been amended, and new claims 39-48 have been added.

Independent claims 1 and 26 and dependent claims 7 and 32 have been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claim 28 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 11, and claim 11 has been canceled. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended to accommodate the cancellation of claim 11.

New claims 39-48 have been added to more clearly define the invention. Support for claim 39 can be found for example, at page 6, lines 23-25. Support for new claims 40 and 45 can be found for example at page 6, lines 16-18 and page 7, lines 10-11. The subject matter of claims 41 and 46 is clearly shown in, for example, Figs. 1, 4 and 5. New claims 43 and 47 include subject matter similar to that of orginal claim 11. Support for new claims 42, 44 and 48 can be found, for example, at page 6, lines 29-31, page 9, lines 2-3 and Fig. 4.

Prompt and favorable examination is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0809. Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3) to treat any paper that is filed in this application which requires an extension of time as incorporating a request for such an extension.

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